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DISKS WITH VARIOUS DISK SUBSTRATE THICKNESS

CONFIRMATION CLAIM FOR PRIORITY

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Sir:

The benefit of the filing date of the following foreign
application filed in the following foreign country and priority
provided in the 35 USC §119 have been claimed for the above-identified
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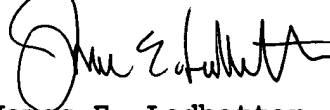
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It is requested that the file of this application be marked to
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